

Name Julie Wright

Graduation year 1939

Today's date: August 2nd 1991

I. Why did you choose to study at MES?

My high school gym teacher influenced me  
as I played on every team except tennis  
and I was swimming counsellor at Guide Camps  
then private camp.

II. What alternatives did you consider?

None

III. What are some of your fondest memories of being a student at MES?

Camping at O.A.C. camp and ~~Lanama~~  
Lanama-koon

IV. What are some of your worst memories of being a student at MES?

Studying for all exams.

V. With respect to your course work what are some of your fondest memories?

Swimming and games.



VI. With respect to your course work what are some of your worst memories?

Creative dancing, and skating

VII. What do you remember about the school's principal and board?

The school's principal was very strict but the Secretary Miss Layton was a dear.

VIII. How do you think most student's paid for their education at MES [summer jobs, parents paid....]?

Parents paid

IX. In what ways have you kept in touch with alumnae of MES?

Our yearly "get togethers" in Ontario and our every five year meetings with most students.

X. What kind of work/volunteer activities did you do as a result of your education at MES?

Teaching Phys Ed at St Joseph's North Bay & Haverhill in Toronto  
In summer counsellor at Camp Quana Quebec until I joined the Air Force

XI. Did you pursue further education following MES? Where? Why?

No



XII. PERSONAL BACKGROUND:

- A. Your year of birth: 1911  
B. Your country of birth: Canada  
C. Country of mother's birth: Canada  
D. Country of father's birth: Canada  
E. When you entered MES what occupations did your parents have?

Mother's occupation: Housewife  
Father's occupation: Deceased

- F. Where were you living before coming to MES?

City: Toronto  
Province: Ontario Country: Canada

- G. Which school did you attend prior to entering MES?

Jarvis Collegiate Institute

What grade (level) did you complete at this school? Junior

Was this a private or public school? Public

- H. If you married, which year did you first do so: 1951

Married to: (name) James A. Fairley

Occupation of husband when married: Office President  
Club Coffee Toronto.

- XIII. Would you be interested in receiving a copy of my abstract when I complete my study? yes

Please list addresses of any MES graduates you know of, besides those from 1939 and 1940.

I do not know anything about Professor Ramsey Wright.



Name Diana Cameron

Graduation year 1940

Today's date: January 13<sup>th</sup> 1991a.

I. Why did you choose to study at MES?

Because the idea of a two-year  
Diploma Course met my personal needs  
better than attending a 3-yr. course at University

II. What alternatives did you consider?

I had thought, at one point, of going to  
the Katharine Gibbs School in New York  
City to take a Secretarial Course.

III. What are some of your fondest memories of being a student at MES?

The flexibility of the course, the  
opportunity of being able to do both  
practical, and theoretical work, and the  
chance of meeting girls from all over Canada.

IV. What are some of your worst memories of being a student at MES?

The confinement of living in  
residence was frustrating but, on the  
whole, I left only negative thoughts  
about M.E.S. behind because it really was  
a rewarding experience

V. With respect to your course work what are some of your fondest memories?

as stated above in III, it was the  
variety of subjects which we had which  
made the work all the more  
stimulating, stuff, in the main, were  
of high calibre



VI. With respect to your course work what are some of your worst memories?

Having to swim in the middle of winter there's ice in zero, snowy weather!

VII. What do you remember about the school's principal and board?

The principal, Miss Florence, (Flossie) Somers, was sort of hard-descript, not pip-squeaky, not over-powering but I do recall her as being kind but strict.

VIII. How do you think most student's paid for their education at MES (summer jobs, parents paid....)?

Mainly, I suspect, parents paid.

IX. In what ways have you kept in touch with alumnae of MES?

Have run into some of them in my travels. See one, a cousin of mine regularly, but have not kept in touch with them because there have to my knowledge been no reunions.

X. What kind of work/volunteer activities did you do as a result of your education at MES?

I worked, from the time of graduation, until I joined the Women's Division of the Royal Canadian Air Force in October, 1941. My employer was the East End Day Nursery and Settlement House, 28 River St, Toronto, <sup>Now the REGENT PARK PROJECT.</sup>

XI. Did you pursue further education following MES? Where? Why?

No, I joined the Air Force in Oct. '41. Upon discharge, in August, 1946, I was Executive Sec'y of the Hamilton Road Branch of the YWCA in London, Ontario. until I decided to enroll at the University of Western Ontario in Sept. 1947 to pursue a course in Honours French and German. I graduated on June 30, 1950, and was married a week later. I worked from July 1950 until July 1951, for the North Toronto Branch of the YWCA as Executive Sec'y. 19.1



## XII. PERSONAL BACKGROUND:

- A. Your year of birth: 19 19
- B. Your country of birth: Canada
- C. Country of mother's birth: Canada
- D. Country of father's birth: Canada
- E. When you entered MES what occupations did your parents have?
- Mother's occupation: ~~House~~ Graduate Nurse in N.Y. City
- Father's occupation: Deceased Judge of the County Court of Northumberland and Durham
- F. Where were you living before coming to MES?
- City: London
- Province: Ontario Country: Canada
- G. Which school did you attend prior to entering MES?
- The Bishop Strachan School, Toronto, Ontario
- What grade (level) did you complete at this school? Grade XII
- Was this a private or public school? Private
- H. If you married, which year did you first do so: 19 50
- Married to: (name) JOHN S. ROBINSON
- Occupation of husband when married: PHOTOGRAPHER

## XIII.

N.B. Did not work after summer, 1951. Raised 4 sons. Returned to work force in Feb. 1969, took position with ONTARIO GOVT as a social worker.

Would you be interested in receiving a copy of my abstract when I complete my study? Yes

Could you list other addresses than from the class of 39, and 41, or do you know of MES students who have passed on?

Considered addresses for the following from class of '40: -

- 1 Peggy Wilkins Armstrong - } will have to make a few phone calls
- 2 Cecily Swanson Park - } these 3. will forward later.
- 3 Edith Seixas -
- 4 Marion Weiss - Miss Marion Weiss, Apt. 803, 605 River Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba. A3L 0E7.

Diana Conner Robinson  
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Name Peggy May

Graduation year 1940

Today's date: September 1991 and now Jan 1992.

I. Why did you choose to study at MES?

I had applied to McGill but a childhood friend - Dorothy Leggett class '41 suggested U.E.S. so when I was accepted there too I decided to attend rather than McGill.

II. What alternatives did you consider?

Only McGill

III. What are some of your fondest memories of being a student at MES? the size of the school made it poss. to get to know everyone & make some close & long lasting friendships with a few.

It was a very happy 2 years for me - I loved it all - not only the school work but also I remember fondly the extra curricular events - concerts in Eaton's College Street Hall - also the <sup>carol</sup> singing - the English courses, etc.

IV. What are some of your worst memories of being a student at MES?

As a junior climbing the stairs to the upper floors in residence with muscles aching so one could hardly put one foot in front of the other!!

1<sup>st</sup> yr - started out at the top of the pyramid & ended up at the bottom in my 2<sup>nd</sup> yr. because I gained 20 lbs!! Not good.

V. With respect to your course work what are some of your fondest memories?

I think I loved the Remedial classes and seeing the results of the remedial exercises on the children for the university settlement.

Figure skating was my favorite sport & I loved those classes - brief as they were.



VI. With respect to your course work what are some of your worst memories?

Completing my distance swim at Taranakore during a storm -  
I was quite certain I would drown in the rough water!!  
Jumping the box was a nightmare for me - I hated it.

VII. What do you remember about the school's principal and board?

the staff was quite outstanding in their understanding  
of the problems facing such a mixed group, I have  
nothing but fond memories of them all.

VIII. How do you think most student's paid for their education at MES [summer jobs, parents paid....]?

I had rec'd a Leonard Foundation Scholarship  
which covered fees & residence - I would guess some  
students rec'd funding but most would have had fees paid by parents

IX. In what ways have you kept in touch with alumnae of MES?

Chiefly by letter but have visited Cecil Swanson Burke  
in Waterton Lake Alta & Jean Meredith Burke in Toronto.

I kept in touch with & visited frequently with Jean Morrison Burton  
in England sadly she died in '83 after a lengthy illness - Also kept in touch w. Liz

X. What kind of work/volunteer activities did you do as a result of your education at MES?

Bledsoe

(Work) - Summer Camp <sup>Camp Gellip</sup> at Horepennis + tripping up 1939 - Treaty Port Camp Lake of the Woods

" " " (Asst. swimming 1941) in charge 1942) Camp Chocoma

" 1940 - 1941 Y.W.C.A. Hamilton - asst. in gym dept. 1941 - 1944 <sup>(430744)</sup> ass. in gym Montreal

" 1944 to Feb. 1945 <sup>St. Andrew's</sup> Director, Youth Centre for Montreal Junior League

Volunteer 1945 before offices with Canadian Red Cross Overseas  
posted to hospitals in England. X (cont'd on separate page) -

XI. Did you pursue further education following MES? Where? Why?

One year when in Montreal I joined the McGill  
Hockey Dance group & also took any refresher  
courses available. In the seventies I started  
taking classes in Bookbinding, Restoration and  
for the past 12 years have a small business working out  
of studios in my home. took workshops in New York & short courses in Scotland



XII. PERSONAL BACKGROUND:

A. Your year of birth: 1920

B. Your country of birth: Canada

C. Country of mother's birth: England.

D. Country of father's birth: Canada

E. When you entered MES what occupations did your parents have?

Mother's occupation: Home maker.

Father's occupation: with Dept. of Natural Resources

F. Where were you living before coming to MES?

City: Nipawin

Province: Saskatchewan Country: Can.

G. Which school did you attend prior to entering MES?

Nipawin High School.

What grade (level) did you complete at this school? 12.

Was this a private or public school? Public

H. If you married, which year did you first do so: 1943

Married to: (name) Donald W. H. Ruddick.

Occupation of husband when married: Surgeon Capt. R.C. A.M.C.

XIII.

Would you be interested in receiving a copy of my abstract when I complete my study? definitely.







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I signed on w. the School Board as a substitute in Phys. Ed. & ended up mainly in the junior schools and continued w. that job till 1983. As a sub. of course I was called not only to replace because of illness but also when the weather was so filthy no one else would go. It didn't bother me because at the same time I was learning the craft of book binding & also learning to ride a horse! Now I have a small business doing book binding & restoration & I bought a horse & ride regularly. I'm lucky I have my <sup>good</sup> health too.

I would say that every thing I have done since has resulted directly or indirectly from those valuable yrs. spent at H.E.S.

Good luck w. your dissertation & a thousand apologies for being so late w. my reply.

Sincerely, Peggy Ruddick



III contd -

Our class has not had a reunion  
(it's long overdue) tho' I have managed  
to keep in touch with a few over  
the years -

Cecily Swanson Parke  
Waterton Lakes,  
Alberta

Jean Meredith Burke  
now living in Toronto

40's valid  
H.C.  
Spunk group  
gold.

Rosemary Heseltine Winston sadly  
died in the 60's after a struggle with  
cancer. A truly talented individual  
who spent her last years teaching art  
at St George Williams University in HK.

Jean Morrison Barton whom I visited  
annually in England died in 1983 of a  
long lingering illness.





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